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# News Release

## **HPD Receives Information on Attempted Robbery**

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With help from the community, the Harrisonburg Police Department has identified the male involved with the reported attempted robbery.

A female reported that while shopping in Walmart on March 28, an unknown male followed her around inside the store. As she exited the store and walked toward her vehicle, she said the male tried to get her car keys.

After speaking with all parties involved, it appears as though this incident was a misunderstanding and the male was not trying to rob the victim. The male was trying to be friendly and help the female into her vehicle.

Throughout the investigation, it also became apparent that there was a language barrier between the two individuals.

It was very important that the victim reported this incident so quickly. Police received numerous Crime Solvers tips, which helped with identifying the male involved.

Although no criminal charges will be placed, HPD still recommends citizens to call police if they see suspicious activity or experience a situation leaving them with an uneasy feeling.